

WILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 2, 2014
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectmen Richard E. Swanson, Kermit R. Williams, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Condra.

The first order of business was to open the Fuel Bids which were due today. One bid was received from Fred Fuller Oil Company. The Selectmen decided to hold off on making a decision until the next regular meeting and in the mean time Selectman Williams will look into other companies.

Chief Zirpolo attended for the Ambulance Department Budget review. Overall his budget is in good shape even though he had to replace the hot water heater. He is deferring some building maintenance until next year. The ambulance accident will put the 2007 Medtec Automobile Expense line item over budget due to the \$1,000 deductible. The new ambulance should be here at the end of October. The 2001 ambulance will be retired and the Town of Milford has expressed an interest in it. Gary will discuss that with the Board at a later date. Selectman Swanson asked Gary if he gave a 3% raise next year, could he keep his budget flat. Chief Zirpolo replied that he would be unable to commit to that at this point. Further discussion followed regarding Gary's budget and his future needs.

The Supervisors of the Checklist, Lori Rolke, Mary Guild and Sara

Spittel, attended the meeting to discuss a recent training seminar. Sara stated that there were some items on the State's checklist that Wilton was not doing; the main one being the manner of appointing Ballot Clerks. RSA 658.2 was read and discussed. Moderator Bill Keefe stated that historically we've selected the Ballot Clerks on a nonpolitical basis. He suggested that the Selectmen continue to do as they have done in the past. The Selectmen agreed to take no action at this time.

Resident Steve Yurcak of Stephens Road was next on the agenda. He explained that an abutting neighbor has been expanding his residence into a commercial paving business. This residence is in a Residential/Agricultural district. All of these changes; two extra driveways, a parking lot, alterations to an existing barn and logging have been done without any permits. The business also includes a seal coating business. He stated that this was an established company that moved itself into a residential property; and there is an aquifer district that goes directly through the property. Selectman Swanson agreed that the Town must contest it. Mr. Yurcak agreed to write a formal complaint. Bart Hunter of the Conservation Commission spoke on behalf of the commission saying that they are aware of the issue and will also submit a letter to the Selectmen. There are also storage tanks at the site.

Next, Bart Hunter was on the agenda to discuss the Conservation Commission's budget. He explained that the contract services line will be over this year due to some of the Clerk's 2013 labor being paid from the 2014 budget. The line item for tree removal, however, will be under budget because they got it done for \$1,000. Selectman Swanson thinks the Conservation Commission's budget ought to be brought back to where was before being cut by the Budget Committee. The access road to Carnival Hill was discussed; Bart stated that sand is running down from the hill into a homeowner's cellar across the road. The homeowner asked the Public Works Director for help and was told that it was a Conservation Commission problem. Bart told the

Selectmen that the Conservation Commission does not have the money necessary to repair the problem, but he proposed installing water bars using railroad ties as a solution to the problem. The Selectmen took no action. Next, perambulation was discussed. Bart expressed interest in taking part. Sara from NRPC has also expressed an interest. Chairman Condra proposed a work session to discuss it further.

Hal Levine did not show up for his appointment.

Selectman Swanson asked Steve Elliott a question about the Dale Street/Pead Hill intersection. He explained that he had received a couple of phone calls about the intersection. Steve said that he and Dawn Tuomala met at the site today and made minimal changes. Dawn assures him that it will meet the necessary standards. Tractor trailers should be able to make the turn. The fire hydrant will stay where it is and the triangle will be reduced; which is the Town's right-of-way. Audience members Jim and Charlie McGettigan spoke. Jim said it is exactly the same situation at the end of the road. Charlie said he doesn't see a problem at all and to be paying Dawn; he thinks it is nonsense. He asked about accidents at that intersection. Selectman Williams explained that the Town got a letter from a resident on the hill and that it goes back over a year. Selectman Swanson thinks it's important to fix if there's a safety issue.

The Board asked Pam to respond to a letter received regarding the Veteran's exemption.

Next, the Board discussed the letter from the Town of Lyndeborough which stated that they were going to cancel the contract for Prosecutorial Services as of September 30, 2014. The budget impact was discussed.

Jane Farrell was next on the agenda. She stated that she did not require a nonpublic session. First she talked about the idea of taking credit

card payments. She has looked into two companies who provide this service. She noted that the Recycling Center has also shown an interest in the idea. Selectman Swanson thinks we need to do it for the customers. Selectman Williams talked about the new website and a point of sale terminal. Jane feels that the least utilized option would be people paying their property taxes using a credit card. First it must be decided if we want a point of sale terminal.

The next thing Jane discussed with the Board was the idea of job sharing. She proposed hiring a new person to share a job that would eventually be vacated by a retiring staff member. The discussion included the number of hours, number of weeks, and the impact on the budget salary line item, among other things. It was suggested that Treasurer Jerry Greene could help Jane estimate the budget impact. Jane will further pursue the idea; discuss it with her personnel; and make a plan. The Selectmen seemed willing to support the job sharing proposal but were concerned about the unfunded six week training period.

A request for funds for the Frye Farm Easement project was reviewed. The Selectmen's response will be that the request is premature because they have not received the final easement documentation which needs to be reviewed by Town Counsel.

The minutes were approved.

The Accounts Payable Manifests were approved.

Payroll was approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Swanson, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,

Recording Secretary